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A BOAT ACCIDENT.

TWENTY PASSENGERS ON CITY OF TRENTON KILLED AND MANY INJURED.

Blew Up Near Philadelphia.

The Ship's Boilers Exploded With Tremendous Force—The Ship Caught on Fire and Was Burned to the Waters Edge—Several Passengers Unaccounted For.

Philadelphia, Aug. 28.—While the steamboat City of Trenton, of the Wilmington Steamboat Company, was on her way from this city to Trenton, N. J., this afternoon her port boiler exploded, killing eleven persons and injuring over a score of others. Four passengers are missing, but as many sustained slight injuries, it is thought the missing may be among those who did not find it necessary to go to the hospital.

The dead are: J. D. Chew, assistant engineer; Miss Elizabeth Green, Philadelphia; two firemen, names unknown; one deck hand, name unknown; two passengers, names unknown.

Missing: Mrs. John Matthews, Mrs. Matilda Cross, of Philadelphia; two children, who were seen to jump overboard.

After the explosion the boat took fire and ran aground. To-night she lies a wrecked and blackened hulk in the marshes opposite Torresdale, 16 miles above this city. Her hold is filled with water and it is feared more of her passengers and crew may be found in the bottom of the boat, when the water is pumped out. A boat belonging to the police department is anchored a short distance from the stranded excursion steamer, pumping the water from the ill-fated vessel.

Philadelphia, Pa., 29.—It developed today that the result of the explosion of the boiler on the steamboat City of Trenton while on her way up the Delaware River from this city to Trenton, N. J., yesterday afternoon, was more appalling than was at first supposed. Nine persons are known positively to be dead, at least nineteen are missing, most of whom are believed to have been on the steamer and two of the injured still in the hospital will probably die.

Believes in Fasting for all Ills.

Huntington, W. V., Aug. 28.—Rev. Mr. McGlathery, a prominent minister of this city, believes that fasting is a cure for almost all ills. Two months ago he weighed 200, was afflicted with rheumatism, heart trouble, insomnia, and diverse other maladies. Today he feels like a new man at 160 pounds. In the two months he has eaten but one meal a day and that a very light one. He says that when he declines to 150 pounds he will begin eating two meals daily, but never as long as he lives will he eat a meal in the morning.

The \$50,000,000 Plow Trust.

Chicago, Aug. 29.—Nearly 30 plow manufacturers of the United States were in session here today, discussing plans for a consolidation of all of the plow interests in the country.

After the meeting it was announced that the proposed consolidation was practically a sure thing from present prospects and that about \$50,000,000 would be represented in the organization when it should be completed.

Better Sanitation.

Chicago Tribune.

Ten years ago our average age of death was 31.1 years; now it is 35.2 years. In general there is an increase of deaths from old age diseases and a decrease in the diseases of infancy. While infant deaths still constitute about one-third of the total, there is an encouraging falling off in deaths from infantile diseases. This improvement no doubt is due to better sanitation, purer water, and a more general observance of the laws of health.

But Not Indeed.

From the Philadelphia Bulletin.

"Askerr says he aims to be a friend in need."

"Well, he is. I seldom see him that he isn't in need of borrowing at least a quarter."

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss

LEO COUNTY, FRANK J. CHEENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHEENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHEENEY. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1896.

A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHEENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

STORY OF A WILD MAN.

Who Lives in a Box in the Neighborhood of Blacksburg.

Rutherford, N. C., Aug. 29.—Thirty-eight years ago, during the war between the States, the North-ern soldiers, in a chase after John Starnes frightened him so badly that he turned over a large box on himself, and lay there hidden until they had gone. When night came he removed the box to the woods, and since that time he has made that box his home. John Starnes is now a wild man. His photograph does him justice. It was taken while he was feeling the effects of corn whiskey.

John Starnes lives five miles northwest of Blacksburg, S. C. His box is surrounded by poles to protect his hiding place. He will even run from a horse, cow or sheep. The only way by which you can see the wild man is by slipping upon him when at his box house. Then he will stop and look you straight in the face. If you will agree with him then he will talk, but unless you do he will either get his gun or go into his box.

Starnes is now fifty-five years old. Before the war he assisted his father in making hats. The hat he now wears was made before the war by his father.

He offers no excuse for his way of living. He will accept money from no one. He will "cuss" if you offer him money. He is in excellent health. He fishes, catches and kills rabbits, cats, acorns, etc.

He takes his bread on a flat rack as the Mexicans do. Mr. A. D. Gold, of Blacksburg, S. C., is the only man that has been able to get a photograph of the wild man. Others dare not go about him. No one can understand how he lives as he does and is so healthy. He gets food and no one knows where he gets it. It has been said that Starnes has plenty of money.

A Sensational Damage Suit.

Washington Post.

Lynchburg, Va., Aug. 28.—Suit has been instituted in the Circuit Court of Lynchburg by B. J. Holt against Thomas H. Turner, Henry S. Anderson, Samuel B. Carter, and W. N. Turner for \$7,500 damages. Holt claims that he was assaulted and beaten by the defendants without just cause and seriously injured. The defendants, on the other hand, claim that Holt insulted a girl of about twelve years, a niece of the Turners; that he was offered the alternative of being prosecuted by law or of taking a whipping; that he chose the punishment, and was accordingly given a thrashing.

Holt claims in the bill filed that he was strapped to a bench and beaten with a board, causing injuries which confined him to his bed for weeks, and which came near proving fatal. The parties to the suit are all well connected.

Objected to Minister Kissing his Bride.

Green Backville, Va., Aug. 30.—It may be a good long time before Rev. James P. Porter of Chincoteague, kisses another bride without asking the groom's permission. Joseph McDuff and Miss Agnes Tuley went to the residence of the minister the other day to get married. The ceremony was performed, and as was the custom in this section, the minister kissed the bride. The next instant McDuff's fist shot out and caught the minister in the jaw, laying him limp in the corner of the room. Friends seized the angry groom and explained to him that this was the custom of the ministers. McDuff was mortified, and as a peace offering drew forth two \$10 notes which he tendered to the dazed and surprised clergyman.

Drill Struck Dynamite.

Shamokin, Pa., Aug. 29.—While rock men were sinking the Scott shaft near here early this morning, an electric drill struck an unexploded charge of dynamite, which discharged with terrific force and injured 8 out of 11 men. Fully a ton of loose rock dirt was hurled against the men who were confined in narrow space and had little chance to escape. Two of the victims are fatally hurt.

One of the Five Widows of Brigham Young Dies.

Salt Lake, Utah, Aug. 28.—Mrs. Zina D. H. Young died today, aged 80 years. She was born in Waterbury, N. Y., in 1821, and was one of the pioneers in the Mormon movement. She was married to Joseph Smith at Nauvoo, Ill., and after his death became one of the wives of Brigham Young. There are now but four widows of the famous Mormon leader surviving.

Senator Pritchard to Speak in Ohio.

Charlotte Observer.

Asheville, Aug. 28.—Senator Pritchard has received an invitation from Chairman Dick, of the Republican executive committee, of Ohio, to participate in the campaign, which opens there September 21st. He expects to commence speaking in Ohio about October 20th and continue up to the time of the election.

Shot From Ambush.

Wilson, N. C., Aug. 29.—News has just reached Wilson that a white man named Strickland was shot from ambush between Black Creek and Lucama this evening about 5 o'clock. Sheriff Sharp left here at once for the scene of the murder with blood hounds. The assassin has not yet been caught.

LITERARY NOTES.

Hall Caines New Book.

"The Eternal City" is the title of a new book that has recently been published by D. Appleton & Company of New York. It is, both on its human side and on the side of its intellectual intention, the story of Samson and his lifelong struggle with the lords of the Philistines.

Considering the story of Samson—surely one of the great stories of the Bible—and thinking of it as the foundation of a modern romance, the imaginative writer sees at once that, great and even titanic as it is, it labors under a grievous disadvantage.

The character and position of Samson are entirely outside human sympathies. She is the unmixt traitress, and there is nothing to redeem or justify her. The masterpieces of imaginative art never present a character like that. There is always the soul of good in things evil, and even Iago has his ground of right. Therefore it will not surprise the readers of Mr. Caines' novel that in making an attempt to deal with the great story of Samson and Delilah in a narrative of modern life, it seemed to him above all things essential that the woman should undergo a complete change, both in character and position, and stand in some proper relation both to the motive of the story and its ultimate denouement.

Those contemplating Halloween festivities will be interested in The Designer for October, for in it are given novel and most entertaining suggestions for such affairs, quaint illustrations aiding the description.

October brides-to-be are especially considered in this number, for it contains bridal toilettes, a summary of a charming yet not extravagant trousseau, and Etiquette Hints on bridal affairs. "Points on Dress-making" treats of the new sleeves for coats and jackets, and the fashion designs presented are chosen with marked reference to coming Autumn days. A short story of unusual interest by Charlotte Hall is entitled "A Daughter of the Sundown Sea," and is illustrated most artistically, as, too, is the bright little comedietta by William Lincoln Balch, which tells the story of "Gay's Engagements." "Faint Heart and Fair Lady," the Kentucky love story by Henry Cleveland Wood, is continued in this issue, and a short story for children, "What Teacher Taught Tom," should be of service not only to parents with restless offspring of tender years, but to kindergarten teachers as well. "The Model Kitchen" pictures and describes many articles that are probably new to Designer housekeepers, and less practical but certainly most attractive are articles of an entirely different nature given under "Dainty Lace Adornments" and "Novelties in Crocheting." "Health and Beauty" continues the treatment of the arms and hands, while "Household Hints," "Nursery Lore" and "Cookery" are as valuable as they are appropriate to the season. Last, but by no means least, must be mentioned with much commendation the millinery styles for Autumn head covering.

The Average American is Well Fed.

The family of the average American says Everybodys Magazine lives on a scale and a daily diet which would be regarded in Europe as lavish, such a one as can be afforded there only by the rich. His table is spread with abundance, not only with articles of domestic production, but of imported food stuffs. For example, his family consumes an annually 1,250 pounds of wheat flour, and 600 pounds of oat and corn meal, 750 pounds of meat, or about two pounds per day; 750 pounds of potatoes, 100 pounds of butter, and 300 pounds of sugar. He is the greatest coffee drinker on earth, one pound a week being required for his family's consumption. Of tea, however, he uses little, five pounds per year sufficing for his needs. His table costs him \$16 per month. He eats three meals per day, taking his dinner at noon. He retires between nine and ten at night, and rises at six in the morning.

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Fourteen Years a Slave.

Rutherford, N. C., Aug. 30.—A special from Morganton says that a woman, giving her name as Lizzie Masser, came to town today with a queer story. She says that fourteen years ago a man named Lane, who lives on top of the South mountain, in Burke county, came to her father's house and threatening her life, forced her to his home, where she has lived in a condition of slavery ever since. She says she has been made to do a man's work on Lane's farm for fourteen years, and that she was afraid to leave or make complaint, fearing that she would be killed. Lane is preparing to leave the country and she came here for a warrant, which she secured.

Porto Rico's New Governor.

Washington, Aug. 30.—The President today appointed Wm. Hunt of Montana, governor of Porto Rico as the successor of Carlos H. Allen. Mr. Hunt's appointment was decided on several weeks ago. Gov. Allen being one of those who warmly endorsed his candidacy. He will enter upon his duties of his office at an early date. Since the establishment of civil government Mr. Hunt has been secretary of the island, and during the absence of Governor Allen performed the duties of the executive.

WHAT A WONDERFUL DISCOVERY

is Perry Davis' Pain-Killer! It not only cures the ills of the human family, but is also the sure remedy for horses and cattle. It has never been known to fail in a cure of the worst cases of colic; and for sprains, galls, etc., it never fails—try it once. Direction: accompany each bottle. A old substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis'. Price 25c. and 50c.

Late Literary News.

Fourteen noted writers were sent by The Cosmopolitan Magazine to study the most interesting features with a view to preparing the most beautiful souvenir of the Exposition ever made, from both a literary and an artistic standpoint. To "Mr. Dooley" was committed the case of the Midway. Judge Robert Grant went from Boston to give a birds-eye view of the Exposition in his own most delightful style. Albert Shaw and Nicholas Murray Butler studied the value of the Exposition, and its educational influence. Charles Y. Turner, to whom was committed the color scheme of the Pan-American, explains the methods by which he has produced such marvelous results. Arthur Brisbane, in his own inimitable way, takes the Incubator Baby and Niagara Falls for his subject. Director-General Buchanan contributed a very interesting paper on the organization of the Exposition. Professor Pupin, Col. David Porter Heap, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Lavinia Hart, Julian Hawthorne and John Brisbane Walker are among others who consider the various phases of the Exposition.

Under the direction of the editors of The Cosmopolitan, 205 photographs were prepared showing every variety of architecture and every phase of life, not neglecting the Midway, at the Pan-American. These are engraved and printed in a style never surpassed in The Cosmopolitan's high standard of art. The Cosmopolitan's Pan-American souvenir will be an even finer number than that of the Chicago Fair. The edition of the Pan-American Exposition number (Sept. number) is absolutely limited to 500,000.

OLDHAM BOUND OVER TO COURT.

For Aiding Garner in Abducting his Young Wife.

Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 29.—E. A. Oldham, a young white man, was today bound over to the Superior court of Guilford county on a charge of aiding in the abduction of a fourteen-year-old girl, a daughter of D. M. Trolinger, who resides at the Revolution cotton mill. The evidence showed that Oldham and another young man, Barney Garner, went to Trolinger's home Monday night and took the girl to Level Cross, in Randolph county, where she was married to Garner, a magistrate performing the ceremony in the dead hours of the night. They came back to Greensboro immediately, but Garner has been placed in the hands of the officers.

Suits will be entered against the register of deeds of Randolph and the magistrate who performed the marriage ceremony.

SON OF A PRINCE SENTENCED TO DEATH.

The Penalty for Publishing a Book on the Private Life of the Sultan.

Paris, Aug. 29.—M. Georges Dorys, son of the late Prince of Samos, former minister of the Sultan of Turkey and formerly governor of Crete, has been condemned to death by the Sultan's courts at the direction of Abdul Hamid II. This action was taken in Constantinople because of the publication of M. Dorys' book, "The Private Life of the Sultan." The book so angered the Sultan's ruler that he exerted his influence in diplomatic channels to have it suppressed in all European countries. His efforts succeeded in Sweden, but the popular outcry against such action in Paris was so strong that the government declined to exert itself. M. Dorys secretly left Constantinople some time ago and is now residing in Paris, where he has identified himself with the Young Turks' party.

Jonathan Newman Died at His Home in Henderson County.

Jonathan Newman, an old and well known citizen of Henderson county, died last week at his home on Mud Creek. Mr. Newman was regarded as eccentric in some respects and known to have hoarded a considerable sum of money since the civil war. He has added to the hidden wealth at various times by the sale of land. When it became apparent that he had only a few hours in which to live, Mr. Newman agreed to reveal the place where the money could be found. Acting on this information relatives have found more than \$4,000 of paper money between the ceiling and weatherboarding. Mr. Newman had also stated that a bucket of gold could be found in the garden. A pick and shovel brigade of relatives was immediately organized and set to work, but at last accounts the gold had not been found.

THE STRIKE AT COLUMBIA.

Six Hundred Mill Operatives out of Employment.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 29.—The strike of the Textile Union continues. Today showed no signs of weakening on either side. The officials and their operatives predict defeat for the other. Estimates of the number of operatives out of the mills are conflicting. The union held a meeting to-night at which addresses were made by the President of the South Carolina Federation of Labor, the Vice-President of the International Association of Machinists. There were present 500 and 600 operatives. A parade of the strikers has been ordered for tomorrow morning when they will march through the village and it is possible some idea can be gained of their strength.

THE COST OF VOTING IN ALABAMA.

The Constitutional Convention has Completed and Adopted the Article on Suffrage.

Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 30.—The Constitutional Convention today completed the article on suffrage and it was adopted. The only important amendment adopted provides that persons may vote worth \$500 of real and personal property instead of real "or" personal property.

Money for South and West.

Washington, Aug. 31.—The shipments of money from the Treasury to the South and West for the movement of crops have been much heavier this season than ever before. The currency is shipped as a rule, one-fourth in silver certificates up to \$5, one-fourth in United States notes of the denomination of \$10, and the remainder in gold certificates. Gold coin is not in demand for crop-moving purposes.

Wu to Leave Washington.

London, Sept. 1.—"Li Hung Chang, the adopted son of Li Hung Chang, having declined the St. Petersburg legation," says a dispatch to The Times, from Peking, "China has appointed Sir Chi Shen Lo Feng Luh, Chinese minister in London, to St. Petersburg, transferring Wu Ting-fang from Washington to London."

LYNCHER GUILTY OF MURDER.

ONE MEMBER OF THE MOB SENTENCED FOR LIFE.

George Howard Admits Helping to Lynch a Negro—Other Alleged Members of Mob on Trial.

Wetumpka, Ala., Aug. 28.—George Howard, a member of the mob which lynched Robert White, a negro, in this county some months ago, was today convicted of murder in the first degree and was sentenced to life imprisonment. The case was called in the Circuit Court today. After the State's evidence was submitted the attorney for the defense announced that Howard desired to make a statement to the court. Upon being sworn Howard admitted his participation in the lynching and gave the names of the members of the mob, which numbered 13. After being out almost two hours the jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree and fixed the penalty at life imprisonment.

Howard is one of the most prominent farmers in his section of the country. While he was accused of shooting a white man.

The cases against six others accused of being members of this mob are now being tried. All others who are alleged to have been members of the mob have left the country.

ROGERS MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

Taken From the Constable by Masked and Armed Men.

News and Observer.

Franklin, N. C., Aug. 28.—Thos. S. Rogers, who was under commitment to Oxford jail for assault on Miss Harris, near Wilton, was last night taken by masked and armed men from Constable Blackley and two guards who had him in charge, and spirited away, no one knows where. It had been reported that a party was coming from Oxford supposedly for the purpose of lynching Rogers, and Blackley was hiding in the low grounds near where Rogers' friends who spread the Oxford lynching story as a blind to get the officer with his prisoner away from Wilton.

I get this story from W. A. Blackley who was one of the trial justices that issued the commitment.

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A TERRIBLE WRECK.

Thirty-six People Killed and Many Wounded in the Smash up.

Kaliapolis, Mont., Aug. 31.—Thirty-six lives were lost and many persons injured in the wreck on the Great Northern Railway passenger train No. 3, at Nyack, 30 miles west of Kaliapolis, last night. None of the passengers were injured, the fatalities having been confined to employees of the railroad company.

The wreck was caused by the breaking in two of a freight train on the steep grade of a Rocky Mountain foot-hill. The rear end of the freight train broke loose from the head-end, dashed backward down the mountain and crashed into the rear end of the passenger train, which was just pulling out of the station at Nyack. The car attached to the rear end of the passenger train was the private coach of Superintendent Downs. He and his son, Kirk, and their cook, Henry Blair, were instantly killed. The car just ahead contained 46 Scandinavian laborers en route from Butte, Minn., to Jennings. They were killed wholesale. Only 13 were taken from the wreckage alive.

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THE STRIKE SITUATION.

Efforts to Arbitrate Fail—Another Conference to be Held.

Indianapolis, Ind., August 29.—Simon Burns, who arrived here today announced that his plan for settling the Steel strike by arbitration has been rejected by President Schwab, of the United States Steel Corporation.

Burns declared that another proposition will be submitted to President Schwab on August 21st, but that he received no reply to it until yesterday, when Mr. Schwab telephoned him from New York that his chief would not consider the proposition.

"I submitted my plan to Mr. Schwab merely as a suggestion," said Mr. Burns, "and if there is anything in it that is objectionable to the trust officials, it can be modified. When I return to Pittsburgh tomorrow, I shall take the matter up again with Mr. Schwab in the hope of making some kind of an arrangement whereby the strike questions can be submitted to arbitration. I think a start toward a settlement of the strike should be made somewhere at once as it is hurting business."

Mr. Burns further expresses the belief that the entire matter as far as the Steel Corporation is concerned, has been left in the hands of President Schwab and that it will depend on him whether or not the strike shall be settled by arbitration.

BOGUS GOLD.

The Klondike Country Flooded With It—Perpetrators Escape Detection.

San Francisco, August 29.—Secret service agents are trying to locate the San Francisco crooks who have flooded Alaska and the Klondike with bogus gold dust but thus far they have been unsuccessful. This spurious gold dust is made of brass filings and mixed with genuine dust at Dawson, where most of it is sold. Bogus nuggets have also been sold in large quantities. Altogether \$100,000,000 of this species of gold brick was worked off by confidence men.

The fraud was first discovered in United States assay office at Seattle where it was noticed that quantities of gold dust which should have run at about \$15 an ounce did not run over \$7. For a time this did not arouse suspicion. It was thought to be dust at low quality. Subsequent attention was drawn to the matter by Mrs. Dignon of Seattle, who had received a gold nugget from her mother, Mrs. Woods of Dawson. This nugget Mrs. Dignon had taken to a jeweler to be mounted on a pin. While cleaning it with acid, the jeweler discovered that the nugget was not gold at all, but merely brass and copper with a thick wash of gold. The matter was then turned over to the secret service officers and an investigation began. It was found that the nugget had been sold to Mrs. Wood by an old man and woman who had disposed of a good deal of ore on the ground that they were going back to the States and did not want to take out any dust. Two officers are working on the case of Dawson, but all they have discovered is that the metal was shipped from San Francisco.

It is reported that Admiral Sampson is very sick at Lake Sunapee, N. H., and will be unable to attend the Schley Court Martial.

The War Department has been informed that the postal authorities have decided to place the portrait of General H. W. Lawton, the military hero who lost his life at San Mateo in the Philippines, as one of the new issue of postage stamps.

A syndicate, composed mostly of Pittsburghers, headed by Chas. A. Painter, has just succeeded in effecting a combination of 96 per cent. of the laundry machinery plants of the United States. The title of the company will be the American Laundry Machinery Manufacturing Company. It will have a total capitalization of \$16,000,000.

Senator Dooliver, last week at Lincoln, Neb., launched Gov. Shaw, of Iowa, as a Presidential candidate.

Gov. Shaw says, though, that he has no presidential aspirations, and stated: "No; I am not a candidate for President. The Senator Dooliver interview was as unexpected as it was kind. I like business better than politics, and the two will not mix. I shall be slow to break away from my previous intention of keeping out of politics. It is too early to decide and too early to talk about it. The only thing to be considered now is the campaign upon which we are entering."

Catawba County's Large Wheat Crop.

From statistics of this year's wheat crop, Catawba county boasts of producing the largest yield of any county in the State. From the threshers' tallies and from the wheat in the sheave under shelter, which will be threshed within the next fortnight, this county will make between four hundred and four hundred and fifty thousand bushels, making about one twelfth of all the wheat produced in the State—the average per acre being greatly in excess of that of any other county, some of our farmers producing forty-five to fifty bushels per acre. Many of the farms are equipped with the most modern seeding and harvesting machines, the planters sparing no expense for equipping their farms for the cultivation of small grains.—Hickory Correspondence to Charlotte Observer.

Bites of insects, reptiles, dogs and cats,—also the stings of bees and wasps,—should be instantly treated with Pain Killer, the quickest and surest remedy for pains, aches and soreness of any kind. It is used for 60 years, and sold everywhere. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis'. Price 25c and 50c.

CLEVELAND FLOODED.

HEAVY RAINS DESTROYING MILLION DOLLARS OF PROPERTY.

MANY LIVES WERE JEOPARDIZED.

The Principal Streets Turned Into Ragging Torrents and Residents Unable to Leave Homes Until Waters Subside.—Many Terrifying Escapes Related.

Cleveland, O., Sept. 1.—With the breaking of dawn this morning the citizens of Cleveland awoke to look upon a scene of unparalleled devastation and destruction caused by a raging flood. While the entire city was more or less affected, the great volume of raging water vented its anger over miles of the eastern portion of the city and caused an amount of damage approximated at \$1,000,000. The appalling overflow was caused by a terrific rain that commenced to fall shortly after 2 o'clock. It turned into a perfect cloudburst between the hours of 3 and 5, and then continued with great force until nearly 10 o'clock. The storm, according to the weather officials, was the heaviest that ever swept over Cleveland since the establishment of the government weather bureau in this city, over 40 years ago. That no lives were lost is nothing short of a miracle, as stories of thrilling escapes from the water on several of the principal resident streets of the city are told. The surging waters spread over an area in the East End nearly eight miles long and a mile and a half wide.

TEXAS OIL FIELD DEVELOPMENT.

Since New Gushers Last Week, and August Record a Great One.

Beaumont, Tex., Sept. 1.—During the week just closed nine gushers were brought in. This is decidedly the biggest week in the history of the fields. During the month nineteen spouting wells were completed. Several miles of pipe line have been laid, a dozen large storage tanks completed, and several more begun. Not less than twenty more big steel tanks, having a capacity of 35,000 gallons to 50,000, have been contracted for, and several of them are now under course of construction.

On the whole, the month just closed has witnessed a development in this field that is marvelous. The week had its tragic side in the four deaths resulting from the breaking loose of one of the gushers. Forty-four gushers have been completed. The daily shipment now average eighty-five cars.

Editorial Clippings.

We see much interest manifested in the rural free delivery mail routes. They are considered great things. Yet, had it not been for the untiring energy and work of Senator Marion Butler there would not be any such routes, or jobs to let, and blessings furnished the rural people.—Times Mercury.

The Raleigh correspondence to Saturday's Charlotte Observer says that "a Republican tells him that he has over 10,000 Populists can be mustered in all North Carolina."

In the first place, we can't believe a Republican said so. And in the second place, if he did, he is badly mistaken. We believe there are more Populists in the State than ever. All objects to prevent their increase has been removed, and we want to say that they are all white men and can read and therefore, according to even the Simmons machine, they can vote, and in spite of red shirts, they will do so next year, too.—Times Mercury.

